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In re Application of

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the requirement that Applicant provide a statement of the substance of an interview, Applicant hereby submits the following summary.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiners Ryman and Vu for taking time from their busy schedule to conduct a personal interview on November 18, 2003, for the above-referenced Application. The interview was courteous and professional, and it is believed by Applicant's representative that prosecution has been advanced because of this interview.

Concerning the substance of the interview, Applicant's representative presented a summary of the present invention as an expansion of the capability of nodes conventionally used in home entertainment systems to include the function of a telephone system (i.e., incorporate a speaker and microphone and the capability to be recognized by an identification number and to provide an input for dialing, etc. The present invention also has the capability to interface with the various nodes in various call modes.

As defined exemplarily by claim 1, to achieve this function of incorporation of the telephone function, each node would include a control/memory unit, an asynchronous

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interface, a rate conversion unit, and an isochronous interface.

The Examiner seemed to understand the intent of the present invention and stated that he thought that the independent claims would be too broad without incorporation of a limitation that the IEEE 1394 bus is a component of the definition. That is, he thought he was aware of a reference that teaches all the limitations of the present independent claims, and that he expected to accordingly update the rejection currently of record in the next Office Action.

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